

NARFE LAUNCHES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN RESPONSE TO ATTACKS ON FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS!

With “**A SPECIAL MESSAGE**” on page 28 of the March, 2011 issue of the NARFE magazine, our National President, Joe Beaudoin announced that NARFE is launching an aggressive national campaign in response to the unfair and untrue attacks on federal employees and annuitants: “Protect America’s Heartbeat.”

On March 5–8, NARFE will be holding its biannual Legislative Training Conference in Arlington, VA. The last day of the conference, Tuesday, March 8, is set aside for conference attendees to meet with their members of Congress and their staff on Capitol Hill. This is a crucial time since March will be a pivotal month for the congressional budget process. As our attendees to the Legislative Conference visit congressional offices on Capitol Hill, President Beaudoin is asking NARFE members to emphasize the importance of that visit by calling their own members of Congress. See below how you can take part in this effort.

Fight Back by Telephone on March 8th - On that day, our New Mexico Federation of Chapters will have five members attending the Legislative Training Conference of which four will take part in the scheduled visit to Capitol Hill, Russ Boor – Federation Vice President for Legislation, Rick DeMello – Federation Treasurer and Duke City Chapter 1411 President, Gerald Makowski - Roswell Chapter President and Meriam McMullen – Las Cruces Chapter President. All four will be visiting all five of our U.S. Congressmen, Senators Bingaman and Udall and Representatives Heinrich, Pearce and Lujan. **Please add your voice to theirs by calling toll free to your Congressional delegation on March 8.**

Federal Workers and Retirees:

Now Is the Time to FIGHT BACK!

The fight to defend the earned retirement, pay and health benefits of federal workers and annuitants is happening now.

On Tuesday, March 8, some 300 NARFE officers and activists are scheduled to descend on Capitol Hill to meet with their lawmakers as part of NARFE's biannual National Legislative Training Conference. Add your voice to theirs. Call your lawmakers on MARCH 8.

Just follow these steps:

CALL 866-220-0044 (toll-free) to reach the U.S. Capitol switchboard and ask for your representative and senators by name or supply your ZIP code.

Once connected to your lawmaker's office, NARFE members should say:

- **Federal workers and retirees have already sacrificed pay and benefits.**
- **Don't single us out by making more cuts to the retirement and health benefits we earned through years of serving the public.**

Whether you leave a recorded message or speak to a staff person, request that your lawmaker respond in writing to your phone call. For that reason, be sure to leave your name and mailing address.

Only contact your own representative and two senators. Lawmakers will disregard your message if you are not a voting constituent.

Federal workers and retirees have already sacrificed so much. Don't let Congress slash the retirement and health benefits you have earned!

Pick up your phone on March 8 and CALL 866-220-0044.